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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is responsive to communication filed on June 17, 2008.

Response to Amendment

2. The proposed amendments will not be entered because they raise new issues which would require further search and/or consideration. For instance, claim 49 now includes the limitation that the optical system uses no polarizing plate, and that the optical element has a variable focal length characteristic. These new limitations change the scope of claim 49 and would thus require further search and/or consideration.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALBERT H. CUTLER whose telephone number is (571)270-1460. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu (9:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ngoc-Yen Vu can be reached on (571) 272-7320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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